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| FOR: | CONTROLLABLE MOTORIZED DEVICE FOR PERCUTANEOUS NEEDLE PLACEMENT IN SOFT TISSUE TARGET AND METHODS AND SYSTEMS RELATED THERETO | | |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This application is an RCE of prior U.S.S.N.: 09/943,751, filed on August 30, 2001. The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 3, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed July 26, 2006. Applicants kindly ask that the above-identified application be amended prior to examination as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.